



Bar Hill News

The Monthly Magazine of the Residents Association

The objects of the BHRA are to act as an intermediary between the residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interest of BAR HILL VILLAGE.

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ISSUE 169

NOVEMBER 1982

CARING

Here we are again at the end of not too bad a summer and entering yet another Autumn. Nature always looks so satisfying and so attractive at this time of year. It is as though we are being prepared to face the cold bleak days of winter to come!

Perhaps whilst Autumn is still with us we can just pause for a few minutes and think of what lies ahead for our less fortunate fellows - the old, the disabled, the ailing, and the lonely. Cold and damp can so easily penetrate old and infirm bones and loneliness can chill and numb the very spirit. Many this winter will feel that the world doesn't care - it has forgotten them and left them to a lonely, cold, and unwanted existence. What does it feel like to be alone, perhaps inadequately warmed, and maybe short of food and alone? No one bothers about you, no one pops in to say a cheery 'hello'. In fact no one seems to care whether you are shivering and yearning your life away!!

Yes, my Friends, this lack of CARING and selfish attitude is a terrible indictment upon all of us. Is it not perhaps possible that many of our own woes exist because we spend so much time worrying about ourselves and never ever think of others?

Please, please CARE just a wee bit for those around you this winter. It costs very little except time to pop in and see an old body.

There are many good and caring people here in Bar Hill. Why don't you see how you too can help.

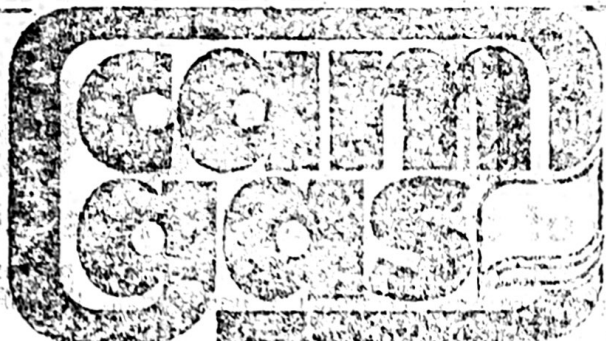
I am sure that many of you have yet to experience that feeling of inner peace (and therefore a renewed and vitalised fortitude to face the future) that comes from caring about others. Try it.

Yours Very Sincerely,
Derek Couzin-Wood,
District Councillor.

DECEMBER BAR HILL NEWS

Articles, letters and small advertisements for inclusion in the December issue of the Bar Hill News should reach the Editor, Martin Avery, 23 Foxhollow (CH 81233) by 20th November.

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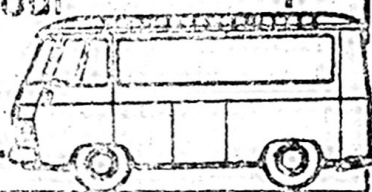
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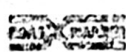
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	8.00 pm	N. H. R. Discussion	39 Acorn Avenue
Fri. 5th	6.45 pm	FIREWORK DISPLAY	
Sat. 6th	11.30 am	'Velour' Sale (Playgroup)	Church Centre
	- 3.00 pm		
Sun. 7th	9.45 am	Holy Communion	Church Centre
	2.00 pm	Auction	Village Hall
Mon. 8th	8.00 pm	B. H. R. A. Meeting	School Lounge
Tues. 9th	2.00 pm	Tea at Two	Church Centre
Fri. 12th	2.15 pm	Toy Library	Youth Centre
Sat. 13th	11.00am	Coffee Morning & Third	
		World Sale	19 Acorn Avenue
	2.00 pm	Bazaar (Sunshine Playgroup	
	- 4.30 pm	and Toddler Group)	Church Centre
Sun. 14th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Church Centre
	9.45 am	Morning Worship	Church Centre
	11.30 am	Roman Catholic Mass	Church Centre
Tues. 16th	2.00 pm	Tea at Two	Church Centre
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	School Lounge
Wed. 17th	8.00 pm	N. H. R. Meeting	84 Hollytrees
Thur. 18th	2.00 pm	Toy Sale	Youth Centre
Fri. 19th	12.15 pm	Lunch 75p/40p	Church Centre
Sat. 20th	2.00 pm	Jumble Sale (Junior Church)	Church Centre
Sun. 21st	9.45 am	Holy Communion	Church Centre
	11.00 am	Craft Fair	Village Hall
	to 5.00pm		
Tues. 23rd	2.00 pm	Nearly New Sale (Tea at Two)	Church Centre
Wed. 24th	8.00 pm	Fashion Show (P. T. A.)	School
Fri. 26th	2.15 pm	Toy Library	Youth Centre
Sun. 28th	9.45 am	Family and Parade Service	Church Centre
	7.15 pm	Holy Communion	Church Centre

DECEMBER

Sat. 4th	8.00 pm	Disco (Cricket Club)	Village Hall
Sun. 5th	9.45 am	Holy Communion	Church Centre
	2.30 pm	Concert (Music Society)	Church Centre

BAR HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting is on Monday November 8th at 8.00 p.m. in the School Lounge (Terrapin). Anyone is welcome to come along.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 19th October in the School Lounge.

Tesco Extension

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Railton of Wilmotts, the Contractors employed by Tesco on the extension to the superstore, and invited him to explain and clarify the rebuilding plans and the landscaping scheme being implemented. Mr. Railton said that the spine path was in the process of being re-routed and apologised to villagers for any inconvenience caused. Every effort was being made to keep the existing path mud-free, but this has been made difficult by the recent wet weather. The old car park is being re-surfaced and the trees removed and replaced. Councillors asked for the rubble in the old car park to be removed or at least fenced in to prevent children from playing on it. Two main areas of mounding are being constructed and will be landscaped and planted with shrubs, and trees will be planted beside the electricity sub station. Mr. Railton confirmed that plans for a new Garden Centre had been shelved for the time being, although it is possible that this will be reconsidered later. He suggested that the Parish Council should liaise closely with Wilmott's during the building and landscaping work, and asked councillors or members of the public to speak to him or the site manager without delay if and when any problems should arise.

Miscellaneous other matters

Mr. Coteman had further information on the proposed new signposts for the A604, and copies of this will be circulated to parish councillors for discussion at the next meeting. The goalposts have been replaced and trees ordered to plant in place of those damaged by vandals. The tree planting scheme has been put into operation with the ground alongside the Lolworth boundary being prepared for planting during the winter. A revised plan for phase 4 was discussed and the Parish Council will object to the increased density and the planned use of garage courts. The Planning Committee is to be re-convened and will consist of Mr. Hall and Mr. Green, under the chairmanship of Mr. Duce. Mr. Carr suggested that the piece of land between the Green Hut site and the memorial garden could be put to use as a bowling green, and this is to be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 16th November at 7.30 pm in the lounge, Bar Hill C.P. School. All residents are welcome to attend.

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BAR HILL CHURCH

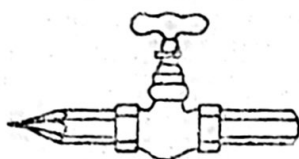
We extend a warm welcome to everyone of any denomination or none to come and join with us in the worship of God. We, being the village church which is ecumenical and meets in the Church Centre. We are sponsored by the Baptist Union, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Religious Society of Friends and the United Reformed Church.

We particularly look forward to two Services this month; on 14th our Morning Worship will take the form of a Quaker meeting and on 28th a packed church centre is in prospect for our Family and Parade Service.

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Church Secretary : Ann Duce, 22 Gladeside (CH 81677)

SERVICES

Sunday November 7th	9.45 am	Holy Communion and Infant Baptism. Preacher : Rev. James Newcome
Sunday November 14th	8.00 am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Morning Worship : Quaker Meeting.
Sunday November 21st	9.45 am	Holy Communion Preacher : Rev. Ronald Speirs
Sunday November 28th	9.45 am	Family and Parade Service Preacher : Rev. James Newcome
	7.15 pm	Holy Communion.
Sunday December 5th	BIBLE SUNDAY	
	9.45 am	Holy Communion Preacher : Rev. James Newcome

Coffee and squash are served after Morning Worship and we also welcome you to share fellowship with us after the Services.

A Creche is provided for the 9.45 am Service.

The Prayer Fellowship meets in the Church Centre each Sunday at 8.00 pm.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Our Junior Church is still growing with new children arriving since we have started back in September.

After Christmas we wish to take our children to see a pantomime. In order to raise enough money to hire a bus, we are holding a jumble sale on Saturday November 20th at 2.00 p.m. in the Church Centre. Please save your jumble if you have any, either bringing it to the Church Centre on the Saturday morning or to June Hinchliffe at 60 Oatlands Avenue or Juli Hart at 15 Gladeside. If necessary it could be collected if you would let me know.

Julia Hart, CH 81914
Junior Church Co-ordinator

CHURCH CENTRE BOOKINGS

The Church Centre is available for community bookings. Details can be obtained from the Bookings Secretary, Jean Diver, 3 Partridge Drive (81194).

THE OCTAGON

The Church Newsletter 'The Octagon' is available each month from the Church Centre.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

At the A. G. M. of the Bar Hill Catholic Committee the activities of the last year were reviewed, the new committee was elected and suggestions were made for events to be held in the coming year.

At the United Service last month we said goodbye to Fr. Pat Cleary who has looked after Bar Hill (the 'furthest outpost' of Our Lady and the English Martyrs parish in Cambridge) for the last three years. Our best wishes and prayers go with him to his new parish in Ipswich.

This month we welcome to the village Fr. Peter Leeming and look forward to meeting him at the monthly Mass.

Catholic Services

Weekly Mass at Longstanton Army Chapel on Saturdays at 6.30 p.m. (children's instruction at 5.45 p.m.).

The monthly Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre is on Sunday 14th November at 11.30 a.m.

House Mass at 83 Appletrees on Monday 29th November at 8.00 p.m.

Religious instruction for children attending non-Catholic schools is available at Bar Hill School on Tuesdays at 4.30 - 5.15 p.m. Details from Theresa Fogell (CH 81443) or Sister Jane (Cambridge 353913).

Andy Fogell,
Committee Chairman
85 Hollytrees (CH 81443)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

Two articles appeared in October's "News" in reply to Ronald Speirs' article in the preceding edition on Russian foreign policy. I read Roger Hall's with interest, although not total conviction, but Mrs. Lay's with mounting indignation.

No-one can say for sure which view is correct on this difficult and complex subject, but of one thing I am convinced - that war is an unnecessary and obscene evil; and if preaching peace is "communist propaganda" then I'm all in favour! Mrs. Lay's letter is a perfect example of the unthinking anti-Russian hysteria which is almost automatic in so many in our supposedly free-thinking society, and which Professor Cornford is trying so hard to reason with and dispel.

I regret that I have, as yet, been unable to attend meetings of the Peace and Disarmament Group, but I have discussed them with people who have, and I have yet to hear that Mrs. Lay was amongst those present. She is, therefore, obviously exercising her democratic right to hold her own opinions, and I would suggest that she allows the rest of us to do likewise.

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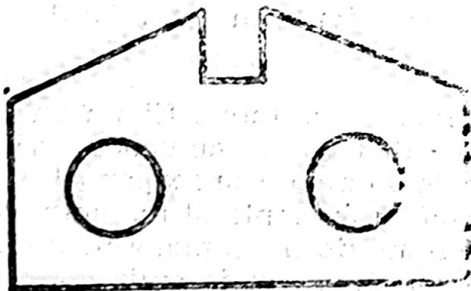


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Dear Sir,

I should like to reply to the letter from Mrs. Lay published in last month's News. I have met Professor Cornford, and heard him speak on the subject of Russian Foreign Policy. The views he expresses come from over two years' research into, and consideration of, the subject. They are the valid opinions of a sincere man and a genuine opponent of the Nuclear Arms Race. He has no 'nasty ends' and is certainly, by his own assertion, not a Communist.

Whilst one does not expect everyone to agree with Professor Cornford's views it is quite unjustified to accuse him of peddling Communist propaganda.

Our own government, and the Americans also, have their propaganda machine and I think they use it so effectively that we are unable to consider objectively any arguments which are even slightly pro-Russian.

Perhaps, if more of us could, as Professor Cornford has, get away from the idea that Russia necessarily equals aggressor, we would be able to begin to move away from, rather than towards the full scale Nuclear War that daily becomes more likely.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara M. Hastings
57 Hollytrees

(Correspondence
continued on
back page)

FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER

3 COURSE LUNCH

12.15 p.m.

CHURCH CENTRE

Adults 75p Children 40p

Names to Jo Hall by 17th November (Tel. CH 80304)

WASTE PAPER

Don't forget the Bar Hill Cubs and Scouts want your waste newspaper. Please tie in bundles (no polythene bags please) and take to the trailer parked in the old car park at The Mall.

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

VACANCY POST

Applications are invited for the post of part-time Practice Nurse at Bar Hill Health Centre, starting mid-January 1983. Basic hours are 10 per week on the following days:

Monday afternoons: Thursday evenings: Friday mornings
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The Toy Library itself has several excellent items for sale, so it should be well worth while paying a visit to the Farm House on 18th November.

For more information or any queries, please ring Barbara Hastings on Crafts Hill 81363.

COFFEE MORNING

and

THIRD WORLD GIFT SALE

Christine Speirs invites you to an open house coffee morning at 19 Acorn Avenue on Saturday November 13th at 11am. A selection of attractive gifts will be on sale from Traid Craft, an organisation which sells goods at a fair price from third world countries. Everyone is welcome.

BAR HILL VILLAGE HALL

A U C T I O N

Sunday 7th November 1982

Goods In:- Saturday 6th November, 10.00am

Viewing:- Sunday 7th November, 10.00am

Sale Commences:- 2.00pm

Further information:-

Geraldine Brett, 115 Appletrees. Tel.81834
Brian Hastings, 57 Hollytrees, Tel.81363
Sue Foster, 47 Foxhollow. Tel.80339

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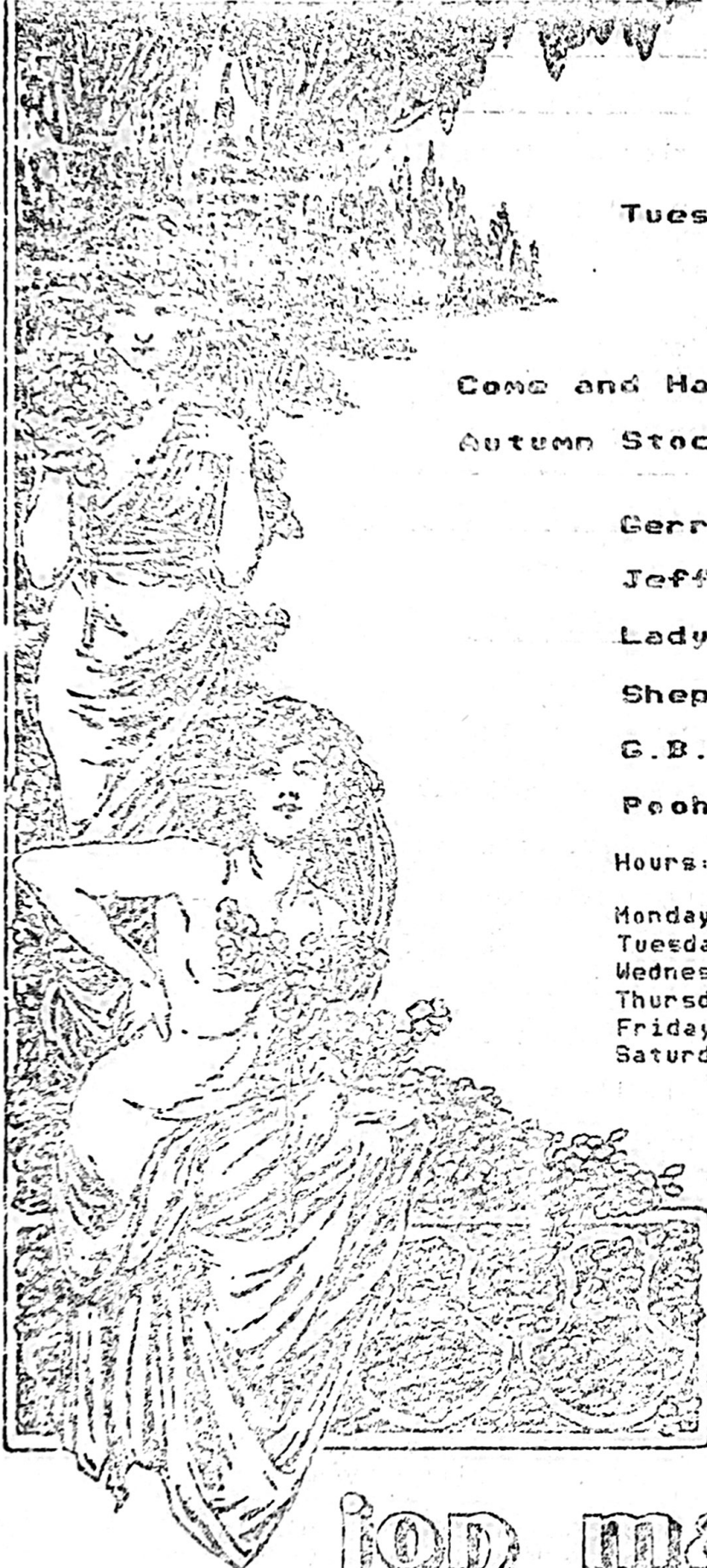
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During November the Toy Library will be open on the Following dates:

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from 2.15pm until 4.00pm in the Farm House.

Don't forget the Toy Library's Grand Nearly New Toy Sale on Thursday 18th November in the Farm House, starting at 2.00pm. For more details see the separate announcement elsewhere in this magazine.

A reminder that we still need more people to help at Toy Library sessions from Christmas onwards. If you could spare the time to help occasionally, please speak to any Toy Library committee member, or mention it at the next Toy Library session you go to.

Barbara Hastings
Crafts Hill 81363

BAR HILL MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

On Sunday 10th October Roy Lowe ran and completed, on his first attempt, the Huntingdon Marathon. In doing so, through your sponsorship, has raised over £100 for Toddlers. Thank you Roy. It was a great achievement, for yourself, much appreciated by us.

As the result of many requests we have reduced our entrance age to 16 months, if you feel your child is ready or needs the facilities available at Toddlers, contact either myself or Jo Hall. Also extra sessions are available, if needed, for those already attending.

We had a marvellous response to our recent questionnaire, all your suggestions or complaints (which were few) will be considered and acted upon as necessary. Our aim is to make or keep Toddlers as our little customers would like and benefit from.

Approximately once a month the committee meets and I would like to stress these meetings are open, so if you would like to come along please do so, although can you let me know in advance, one chocolate cake between 50 doesn't really go!

On 13th November we shall be having a "Tuck Shop" at the Sunshine Playgroup Bazaar in the Church Centre. Also, Roger Hall has kindly agreed to bring along his books, so Topsy and Tim fans take note.

As the Christmas season draws nearer! An advance warning. We shall be having our usual cake stall at the Playgroup Christmas Fayre on 11th December, so watch out for your friendly committee member armed with her list to enrol your baking skills.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Sally Montford for her past services to Toddlers. Sally is leaving the village, we wish her and her family good luck for the future. Her post as our Treasurer will be taken over by Sue Hilton.

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SUNSHINE PLAYGROUP

The Sunshine Playgroup is beginning to settle down nicely in its first term. The Supervisors and some of the Committee are getting well genned up by attending an Introductory Course on Playgroups and another course on Living and Working with the Under-5's.

We have received the unfortunate news that the opening of the school extension is likely to be delayed. This means that the mobile classroom which we had planned to move into in January 1983 may not be available to us until possibly Easter.

That aside, there will be fun for all the family at the SUNSHINE BAZAAR cum JAMBOREE on Saturday 13th November, 2.00 - 4.30 at the Church Centre. The Sunshine Playgroup is holding this in conjunction with the Toddler Group. We shall be laying on an exciting assortment of games, a bric-a-brac stall and many other bargains.

BAR HILL PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

I must, belatedly, thank everyone who helped with our Jumble Sale at the end of September. Our profit was £160 which was a splendid result. Thanks to all who helped collect, sort (what a job!) and sell the goods and thanks to all the residents who gave things.

Our next event is a sale of good quality velour clothes, men, womens and childrens, which will take place at the Church Centre on Saturday November 6th, 11.30am to 3.00pm. Refreshments will be available.

Voluntary helpers are still needed to assist the Supervisors at playgroup sessions. Anyone with a few hours to spare either weekly or fortnightly would be most welcome. We are required by law to have 1 adult to 6 children, so our helpers are most valuable to enable playgroup to function. If you would like to help, contact Jane Gedny, CH 81171, our administrator.

Sadly, this month we say farewell to Sandra Welch, our secretary as she, Pete and the girls move to Swavesey. Sandra has done so much for playgroup over the past three years as a committee member in various roles. We shall miss her on the committee and at Playgroup. Her post of Secretary is still vacant, so if any mum would like to join us, give me a ring on CH 81093.

Jan Mutch
Chairman Playgroup Committee

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BAR HILL LADIES KEEP FIT CLUB

We were pleased to see many new and old faces joining us this term, but we have plenty of space still. If you would like to join us for two hours of exercise to music why not come along on Monday evenings to the school from 7.30 to 9.30.

You can come and watch us for a week if you're not sure about flinging yourself about straight away - then we charge £1 a lesson (although of course, it is much cheaper to join for a whole ten week term).

Phone me for further information - don't hesitate - see you next Monday.

Jan Wright 81966

BAR HILL N.H.R

We had two enjoyable meetings in October, the first a discussion evening about homosexuality, euthanasia and mixed marriages, the second a very interesting talk from Mr. Parker about the history of his house and the village of Foxton from 1500.

This month our meetings are:-

Tuesday 2nd November at 39 Acorn Avenue at 8.00pm

The Beatles, their effect on the 60's; did they leave their influence on us? Please bring any mementoes, memories and thoughts.

Wednesday 17th November at 84 Hollytrees at 8.00pm

Open Meeting - we will be planning our next half-year's programme so members do please try to make this meeting - and don't forget your chopsticks!

We are always pleased to see new people so if you are interested in any of our meetings do come along, or contact me - you will be made most welcome.

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N.H.R. BOOK GROUP

Our next meeting is on Wednesday November 10th at 23 Foxhollow at 8.00pm. We will be discussing 'A Moment in Time' by H.E. Bates, and, hopefully, 'Testament of Youth' by Vera Brittain.

You don't have to be an N.H.R. member all you need is an interest in books - so if you have, why not join us - either come to the meeting or contact me.

Alison Stockle (CH 80007)

TEA AT TWO

We meet at the Church Centre every Tuesday afternoon and anyone of any age is welcome. If you are new to the village, a new mum or would just like to meet some different people why not drop in for a cup of tea or coffee anytime between 2.00 and 3.00pm. There's plenty of space for children to play.

We will be holding another Nearly New Sale on Tuesday 23rd November from 2.00 - 4.00pm in the Church Centre. Any articles you wish to sell - with your name and the price pinned to them should be brought to the Centre at this time. 25% of the price is given to the Church Funds. Could you please be back by 3.50pm to collect your money or unsold items. Tea at Two will be going on as usual in the other room so refreshments and somewhere for the children to play will be available.

A number of articles were discovered to be missing after the Sale on 28th September and some from the sale itself and two from the coat pegs in the hall outside. These include an anorak, a brown coat, a velour jumper and an aran cardigan. If anyone has taken these home by accident please could they return them to me at the address below.

Marilyn will now be taking a well earned rest from the tea making. We'd all like to thank her for her enthusiastic running of Tea at Two, come rain or shine, over the past two years and wish her all the best for the future when she moves to Shrivenham (near Swindon) in the New Year.

If you have any questions about Tea at Two please phone me (80865) or call at 51 Otlands Avenue.

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GOOD NEIGHBOURS OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The coach outing to Dury St. Edmunds on the 22nd of last month was enjoyed by 25 people. It was market day, a typically East Anglian market in the High Street, the weather was kind (for once in the wettest September for years) and there was an excellent tea - home made cakes etc. - at the Quality House Tea Rooms.

On Wednesday, November 3rd., Mr. Burnett, who has visited us on two previous occasions, will bring some of his antiques, principally glass-ware. Any member who would care to bring his or her own glass-ware along for his opinion and valuation is cordially invited to do so.

Christmas Party: December 15th. Weather conditions were dreadful for the same event last year. Even dangerous. By the law of averages, we can hope for something better this time.

N. H. Carr

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (continued)

Dear Sir

It is good to see that the debate on nuclear disarmament is raging in Bar Hill as well as elsewhere: thank you for giving space to it in your publication, and thanks to Mr. Speirs for taking the initiative of organising the Peace and Disarmament Discussion Group.

Whatever our arguments on a rational and political level, we surely all share the same fear of being killed in a nuclear attack (or indeed, of being among the survivors), and in East Anglia we have good cause for apprehension. We are all involved, and we are all afraid - or if not, then we should be. As I understand it, part of Professor Cornford's object was to remind us that the same dread is shared by the Other Side, human beings like ourselves, who have no more wish than we have to destroy millions of our fellows, not to go on wasting the earth's resources, as we are doing at present, on devices we have no intention of using.

How to rid ourselves of these weapons, to take the first step towards sanity, is the issue (no-one is seriously advocating total disarmament at this stage, after all.) My own view is that we in this country have nothing to lose and everything to gain by renouncing nuclear weapons - "unilateralists are just multilateralists who mean what they say". Not everyone will share this view; but everyone should be listening to the debate, and thinking. We in Britain may still enjoy a certain degree of freedom and democracy, but we are as subject to propaganda as any other nation; and it is difficult for ordinary people to weigh the conflicting statistics and scenarios offered by different "experts", and think the matter out for ourselves. I suggest that we start by asking what matters most to each one of us? And whatever we decide we value most, becomes meaningless once human life itself is destroyed or hopelessly contaminated. This surely ought to be the basis of any argument, and we must not lose sight of it. Whatever threatens life - your life, my life, a Russian life - is evil; and "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Yours sincerely

Gillian Wills.



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